

SANDLES

Gave Banner Fair Board Talk at Meeting Monday.

Matters of Importance, Including Appointment of Minor Officials, Taken Up.

The Mercer County Agricultural Society met at the Mayor's office in this city last Monday afternoon, with all members present and President Sol Schoch, of Rockford, presiding.

Many matters relative to the coming fair were taken up and disposed of and at the conclusion of the meeting President Schoch, Secretary Hamilton and several of the members of the Board visited the fair grounds to look after some contemplated improvements.

Secretary "Put" Sandles, of the state agricultural commission, who happened in town on business matters pertaining to the establishing of a fish hatchery at the reservoir, attended the meeting of the Board for a few minutes when he found they were in session, and gave them a brief but very pleasant talk along fair lines.

The Board in their business session employed the following marshals, gatekeepers, ticket sellers, and police for the coming meet, August 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Marshals—Robert Larmore, Jefferson township.

Gatekeepers—Wm. Young, Butler; Thos. Thalmann, Granville; C. A. Browne, Gibson; W. E. Counterman, Blackerick, and Jerry Drake, Union.

Ticket Sellers—Frank Stoner, Liberty; Harry Murlin and Roy Jenkins, Jefferson; E. E. Garwick, Center; Al Rhoades, Hopewell; Anthony Kleinheinz, Marion; Jacob Carter, Franklin; Harry Rorer, Granville.

Grand Stand Gatekeepers—Glen Wortz, Recovery; Samuel J. Chivington, Dublin; Jeff Holdren, Washington; R. Miesse, Jefferson.

Police—Members Company K, 2nd Regiment O. N. G., of St. Marys.

The Board employed five county bands for the week—Celina, Fort Recovery, Center, Montezuma and Blackerick. They also agreed to offer a cash prize of \$20 for the best grange display on the grounds.

A number of copies of the Premium List, which has just been published by the Fort Recovery Journal, were distributed at the meeting. Others will be ready for distribution next week. You can then get one by calling at this office.

BROKEN LEG

And Other Injuries Sustained by Boy Who Hopped Wagon Tongue Tuesday.

Charles, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Michael, living at the corner of Mill and Fulton street, sustained a very bad fracture of the left leg between the knee and hip, had his right thumb and little finger badly mangled and was otherwise badly bruised up when he fell off a farm wagon in front of the Celina Auto company's garage on South Main street, about half past five last Tuesday evening. It was almost miraculous that the injuries were not fatal. Clarence Frysinger was driving north on Main street, and the wagon, the one fastened to the other. The young lad, with a companion had attempted to get onto the second wagon, and had crawled upon the tongue, when he slipped and fell beneath the wheels, which passed over his leg. Mr. Frysinger was not aware of the accident until his attention was directed to it by people running to the boy's assistance. Boone Beam, employed at the garage picked him up and assisted by others he was placed in a machine and taken to his home. Dr. Brumm was called and assisted by Dr. Langel reduced the fracture. It will be many weeks before he will again be able to use the limb.

CELINA MEN

Have Closed Deal and Will Open Exclusive Shoe Store at Urbana in August.

Clerk of Courts Walter L. Johnson and Fred Vordenfeld, now with the Wagner & Hellwarth shoe store on West Fayette street, will open up an exclusive and up-to-date shoe store in Urbana on August 1.

Messrs Johnson and Vordenfeld have been working on the deal to secure one of the best business sights in that city for the past couple of months, but the deal was not finally closed until last week, and they began at once to remodel the room for their new venture.

The young men have rented a room formerly used as a shoe store, but recently closed up. It is centrally located, the former store enjoying a large and profitable business.

The store recently closed was known as the Johnson shoe store and it will be continued under this well-known name, with Johnson & Vordenfeld as proprietors.

Clerk Johnson's term ends on August 1, and he expects to move to Urbana and take up the business immediately after that date. Mr. Vordenfeld was formerly with a well-known Cincinnati shoe manufacturing and is well acquainted with the business. Here is trusting that the boys make good at their new venture.

The Urbana Daily Citizen of last Monday says: "Walter L. Johnson, of Celina, who expects to open a shoe store in the old Johnson room on North Main street, was in Urbana to-day looking over the work being done on the remodeling of the room. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and while they were here they were incidentally looking for a home to rent. They expect to move to Urbana about the first of August and Mr. Johnson expects to open his new

store at that time. Mr. Johnson completes his second term as clerk of the courts of Mercer county at that time.

ANOTHER MONUMENT TO EX-GOVERNOR COX

After all the regular and special dedications have been made, there is a net surplus of \$284,206.96 in the fund of the industrial commission of Ohio, according to the figures of a report of May 15, just made public. The industrial commission considers these figures the best answer possible to campaign claims made that the workmen's compensation fund was insolvent. This surplus is shown after all regular charges for claims pending are made, and after the special catastrophe fund has been deducted and set aside to cover disaster claims. The assets in the compensation fund are \$5,313,919.34, excluding the fund for protection of the public employees. Premiums received amount to \$4,892,592.78; premiums in the course of collection are \$386,521.32; interest on premium deposits is \$1,509.24. The cash balance at the date of report was \$2,691,947.25. Reviewing the work the helpful co-operation of employers in prevention of accidents is commended. Announcement is made that in view of the surprisingly light losses against the state and county fund no further premium will be collected from this fund for this year and possibly not for 1916.

LEY SISTERS

Noted Young Musicians, Will Be a Feature of Coming Celina Chautauqua.

The Ley sisters, Adelina, a noted violinist, and Emma, pianist, who will appear on the program of the Celina Chautauqua.

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RACING

At Fair-Grounds July 5 Promises Great Sport

Entries Already Made Show Fine String of Horses—\$1000 in Prizes for Event.

Matinee races, including three-heat events and a boy's race, will be held at the Celina fair-grounds, Monday, July 5th, speed program to begin at 1:30.

Owners and the records of horses that will appear in the races follow, giving you a good idea of the high class of racing that may be confidently looked for:

Harvey W. 2:08 1/4—Pat King, Mercer; O. Ross, Diller, 2:08 1/4—Irvin Holt, Celina; Hazel Armstrong, 2:14—Lawler Bros. St. Marys.

Danahy B. 2:24—David Jones, Ohio City; Madison, 2:24—Clarence Felver, Rockford.

Senator Graph, 2:24—Bob Proffitt, Rockford.

Billy Dale, 2:33—Pat King, Celina; Lady Boss, 2:34—J. A. Tickle, Rockford.

New Hamilton, 2:34—A. Marshall, Appleton.

Col. Ellsworth, 2:34—J. O. Pierce, Portland, Ind.

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Van Wert Fishing Party Injured

A fishing party from Van Wert, including Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hires, were spilled in a ditch at the Lawrence Eichler home, about 3 miles north of this city, yesterday morning, when their automobile struck a depression in the road and upset. Mr. and Mrs. Hires each had an arm broken and Mr. Hires a shoulder dislocated.

Annual Reunion of Fasts

The annual reunion of the house of Fast was held at the fair grounds in this city last Wednesday, when nearly three hundred of kind and kin assembled for the occasion. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. H. Roebuck, David Springer and Dr. Fast, of Paulding. Miss Mildred Landauha, of this city, gave a characteristic recitation.

The usual dinner followed at which pleasures were uncurbed, and everything passed off in a happy manner. The old officers of the association were then re-elected—Philip Fast, President, and Herbert Fast, Secretary.

Will Close With Fire Works

Our Annual Picnic and Field Day will be held at McCullough Lake Park, Lima, Ohio, Monday, July 5th. This promises to be one of the largest affairs ever attempted by the Macabees of Northwestern Ohio, and will include a variety of athletic events, including contests and prizes for all the winners, and concerts all day and evening, closing with an elaborate display of fireworks.

Make your arrangements to attend this big affair. THE COMMITTEE.

May Arrest Copper Wire Thieves

A quiet search which has been going on for two weeks past will likely end within the next couple of days in the arrest of three or four local parties, for the theft of a number of miles of copper telephone wire, stolen on a couple of weeks ago from the supply sheds of the local telephone company.

The officers have run several clues which have placed them in possession of enough evidence, it is said, to conduct the arrest at most any time of three or four local drunks.

PERSONAL

C. P. Schunck and family motored to Lima Wednesday.

Miss Mary Langel is the guest of relatives and friends at Lima this week.

Elmer Ashcraft, of Fort Recovery, visited with friends in this city last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Rush is at Fletcher visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton.

Henry Boskin and family, of Dayton, are the over Sunday guests of Fred B. Boskin.

Henry Goslee, of North Star, visited with relatives and friends in this city over Sunday.

Attorney T. E. Beery, of Columbus, visited this week with his mother and sister in this city.

Miss Claudia Kenney left this week for Kent, where she will attend a summer Normal.

Misses Blanche Meyer and Marie Heinemann are visiting friends and relatives at St. Marys this week.

Dr. Bernard Pulskamp and family, of Rome City, Ind., were the over Sunday guests of relatives in this city.

Norwalks Estela and Anna Crouch, of Norwalk visited over Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Chris Crouch, in the East End.

Mrs. Emma McKee, of Sarasota, Fla., is here for a visit of several months with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Grim, just east of town.

Jeweler George Weber was at Cincinnati this week attending the Ohio State Optical Convention and incidentally visiting his mother.

Mrs. M. J. McKee and son, of Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brown, of St. Marys, visited Sunday with Mrs. Lucinda Hight and family.

Miss Jenny Frances, of Sidney, visited the first of the week with W. C. Dick and family. Dorothea and Ruth Dick returned home with her for a few weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wyckoff, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ackerman left the first of the week for an automobile trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and other Eastern points.

Miss Edna Loree, who has been at college at Bloomington, Ill., the past school year, is home to spend summer with her parents, Attorney and Mrs. J. W. Loree, North Main street.

Mrs. John O'Neill, of Mercer, who was visiting her brother, and daughter, Miss Anna, at Chicago, Ill., was called home last Monday by the death of her father, J. F. Doty, at Wapakoneta.

Mrs. J. L. Barnes and children are home from a few weeks visit with relatives at Mentor, Ill. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Mary Jeckel, who expects to make her home here.

Miss Deslie Dumbauld, of Fort Recovery, who has been in a millinery store at Cedar town, Ga., the past season, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. A. Myers, in this city, last Friday while enroute to Fort Recovery to spend the summer with her mother.

Mrs. E. R. Edwards and daughter, Miss Marcella, of Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, of Lima, are guests of Agent Thomas M. Edwards, of this city, at the home of Mrs. W. O. Huffman, Mrs. George Hendrick, Mrs. Anna Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Younger motored to Spencerville last Tuesday, where they attended a convention of the Rebekah lodge of this district.

Probate Judge and Mrs. O. Raudabaugh returned last Sunday from Cleveland and Lorain, where they spent last week. The Judge attended the Eagle lodge convention in latter city, and incidentally pulled down second money in trap shooting events of the first two days of the convention.

Mrs. Raudabaugh's mother, Mrs. Agnes Snyder, who accompanied them to Cleveland, remained for an indefinite stay with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Garvin and family.

SERIOUS

Stampede at Strand Tuesday Night Narrowly Averted

Film Caught Fire in Mysterious Manner, but Blaze Was Confined to Fire-Proof Booth.

The presence of mind of Homer Hinders saved himself from probably fatal burns, and the fact that Manager U. G. Hinders has an absolutely fire proof booth at his motion picture house, the Strand, at South Main street, saved a disastrous fire about half past nine o'clock last Tuesday evening. While showing one of the Charley Chaplin films the film in some unknown manner caught fire. The house was crowded to standing room and when the features of Chaplin began to fade a fire screen in a reddish hue a number in the back of the house turned to see the cause and found the booth in flames. A rush was made for the exits and it was for a moment feared a stampede would be made, but the presence of mind of several men at the rear of the house and Walter Mersman, who was in the front part of the room, the crowd was quickly subdued and they fled out in nice order, while the flames raged in the steel fire-proof booth. Two films and several slides were a total loss, but luckily the machine was not badly damaged and Mr. Hinders was able to put on his regular show Wednesday night.

Homer Hinders, who was operating the machine about the current of electricity as soon as he realized the fire and jumped from the booth. He sustained only slight burns on his arms.

HUMOROUS WET AND DRY DEBATES NEXT WEEK

The big event in Mercer County this week is the Hall and Summers debate on the wet and the dry question. You'll get all that is coming to you when you hear that. Should say that there isn't a dry minute in it. Full of wit, humor, pathos and facts. All will enjoy it, whatever your bias. They will be at Fort Recovery, Friday evening, June 25.

Celina, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 26.

Rockford, Sunday afternoon, June 27.

Coldwater, Sunday evening, June 27.

Mendon gave up the date first set for a later date.

Paid Home Folks Brief Visit

Albert "Bruno" Betzel, who has been creating a furor in baseball circles through his wonderful playing as a recruit with Miller Huggins' fast St. Louis Cardinals, now occupying second place in the National League race, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Betzel in this city the first of the week, having secured leave of absence for a couple of off-days which the team had on Monday and Tuesday.

He left his team at St. Louis after last Sunday's contest and joined them again at Chicago on Wednesday.

John Hoenle, one of our well known pioneer citizens, got a severe shaking up in a fall, while trimming a tree on his farm northwest of town last Wednesday. Fortunately no bones were broken, and no serious results are anticipated.

Charles Spriggs, of this city, and H. J. Bobenmeyer, of Washington township, left the first of the week by automobile for Illinois, Nebraska, and Iowa, for a couple of months jaunt.

C. G. Springer and wife, who have been at Muncie, Ind., the last couple of years or more, recently purchased a five acre tract of land on the State line, just west of the city limits, and will make Celina their home. Mr. Springer will make some improvements on the place immediately.

Our old friend, A. W. Shively, of Crawfordsburg, Tenn., dropped in to see us last Saturday. He is up here for his annual visit to his old home. Mr. Shively is a veteran of the Civil War, and was sorry he did not get up here a couple of days sooner and meet the boys, who were here in reunion last week.

Frank Patrio, who for the past several years, has been employed as a compositor and pressman on the Democrat, and recently took up the operation of our intertype, went to New York City last Tuesday where he will take up a special course of study in the operation and mechanical care of the linotype and intertype.

DAN CUPID'S VICTIMS

Rolla Ransbottom, a former well known Celina boy, and a son of Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Ransbottom, of Washington township, and Miss Hazel Spriggs, of Wabash, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Spriggs, were quietly wedded at Fort Wayne, Ind., last Saturday. Mr. Ransbottom is a student at the O. S. U., at Columbus, taking a special course in medicine. The young people will be "at home" this summer at the home of the groom's parents in Washington township. They have a host of friends who wish them the best in married life.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

R. E. Dixon, 26, merchant, Gevers, son of W. B. Dixon, and Hazel Carmack, 14, teacher, Celina, daughter of S. J. Carmack. Rev. Martin.

Ralph Krogman, 26, huckster, Hopewell township, son of Wm. Krogman, and Lulu Rutledge, 24, housekeeper, Hopewell township, daughter of Joseph Rutledge. Rev. Hale.

Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Vilott Grunden and children, of Waldron, Michigan, gave us a pleasant call on last Saturday, the latter leaving on that day for her home. Mrs. Adams is still here for a visit.

Local Talent Suspected

Burglars, believed by the officers to be local talent, gained entrance to the Catholic Church by a side door, which they pried open sometime last Sunday night, and broke open two poor food boxes, stealing the contents. It is not known how much money was in the boxes, but there was not a great deal. This is the third time within the past year that this same job has been pulled off.

NO MORE SCHNAPPS

Berlin, June 12—Admiral Von Mueller, Chief of the British Marine Cabinet, has sent to the President of the German Association the following open letter against the misuse of spirituous beverages:

"I have recently had an opportunity to hear the Emperor speak on the alcohol question in the present war. His Majesty on this occasion asserted he thoroughly maintains the opinion expressed by him in his Muerwick speech to the cadets, but that, on the other hand, in war a more extended use at least of lighter alcoholic liquors must be permitted. Thus, for instance, light native wine or beer was preferable to water for troops if the water available was of an objectionable quality. Strong drinks, such as schnapps of every sort, may under no circumstances be given to the troops."

Admiral VonMueller says that measures have been taken to hinder the sending of schnapps of every kind to troops in the field.

FISH HATCHERY

To Be Located on North Shore of Reservoir—Lack of Interest in Big Pond Cited.

Looking toward the establishment of a fish hatchery on Lake Mercer, Chief Game Warden General John C. Speaks, Chief Deputy Herman Nohr, President A. P. Sandles, Secretary Benj. F. Gayman, S. E. Strode and C. G. Williams, of the State Agricultural Commission, visited this city for a few minutes last Monday afternoon. Members of the St. Marys Fish and Game Association had the gentlemen in tow and only brought them over to this side of the big lake after they had toasted and dined them sumptuously at the Idlewild club.

Mayor Rice, Deputy Warden Leininger and a Democrat representative were the only local people to meet the party here.

President "Put" Sandles in his few remarks said that he deplored the lack of interest manifested by Celina people in the big pond and the matters pertaining to it. He said that he believed that with a little push and pull the reservoir would come into such prominence that Celina would have a summer population of more than 1500 extra people.

He stated that it was a settled fact that a hatchery would be established somewhere on the north shores of the lake, but because of the lack of interest in the matter by people of this city, it was very probable that it would be established on the east end. The matter, however, he said was entirely in the hands of General Speaks, and that he would likely fix the location with in the next week.

Well Known Man Suddenly Stricken

Christopher Ranley, a well known resident of Gran